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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 35 and amend claims 30 and 32 as set forth in the following complete listing of the claims and their status. This listing supercedes and replaces all prior listing of the claims.

Claims 1-21 (cancelled)

22. (previously amended) The method of claim 30, wherein said applying step is performed using a mechanical spreader.

23. (previously amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of:

(c) mixing the composition into soil.

24. (previously added) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of:

(d) applying water to the composition to facilitate disbursement of the active ingredient in the soil.

Claims 25-29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) A method for controlling moles within an area, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a composition for mole control having an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing the active ingredient, the composition including an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing said active ingredient forming a substantially uniform mixture; and

(b) applying the composition to the soil of the area,

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wherein the inert solid matrix is a granular material ~~which includes~~ consisting essentially of at least one of granular clay, sawdust, straw, grass pellets, and wood chips,

and further wherein said active ingredient includes at least one of hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

31. (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) A method for controlling moles within an area, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a composition for mole control having an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing the active ingredient, the composition including an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing said active ingredient forming a substantially uniform mixture; and

(b) applying the composition to the soil of the area,

wherein the inert solid matrix is a powdered material ~~which includes~~ consisting essentially of at least one of clay powder, eggshell powder, bone powder, and flour,

and further wherein said active ingredient includes at least one of hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

33. (previously added) The method of claim 30 wherein said composition further comprises an encapsulating material capable of controlling release of active ingredient, said encapsulating material disposed on an outer surface of said active ingredient adsorbed on said inert solid matrix.

34. (previously amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said active ingredient includes castor oil.

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Claims 35 - 39 (cancelled)

40. (previously added) The method of claim 32 wherein said composition further comprises an encapsulating material capable of controlling release of the active ingredient, the encapsulating material disposed on an outer surface of the active ingredient adsorbed on the inert solid matrix.

41. (previously added) The method of claim 32 wherein the active ingredient includes castor oil.

42. (previously added) The method of claim 32 wherein said active ingredient includes at least one of hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

43. (previously added) The method of claim 32, wherein said applying step is performed using a mechanical spreader.

44. (previously added) The method of claim 32 further comprising the step of:
(c) mixing the composition into soil.

45. (previously added) The method of claim 44 further comprising the step of:
(d) applying water to the composition to facilitate disbursement of the active ingredient in the soil.